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SUBJECT: OECD OIL COMMITTEE: SUPPLY INFORMATION

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1. WE FINALLY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN REACHING WANSINK WHO IS IN LONDON. HE COMMENTED THAT AGREED PROCEDURE FOR INFORMATION GATHERING FEATURES THREE-PRONGED APPROACH WITH WANSINK GETTING DATA FROM COMPANIES, OECD SECRETARIAT FROM GOVERNMENTS AND EPSC FROM AMERICAN COMPANIES. HE RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN BOTH COMPLETENESS AND COMPATIBILITY AND AS FAR AS EPSC DATA ARE CONCERNED BUT FEELS THAT THESE CAN BE RESOLVED. HE CONFIRMS UNDERSTANDING EXPRESSED IN PARA 2 OF SECOND REFTEL BUT HE WILL EXPLORE IN DEC 14 MEETING POSSIBILITY THAT OIL COMPANIES WILL DESIGNATE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO WORK WITH OECD SECRETARIAT ON WORLDWIDE REPORT.

2. WANSINK'S MAIN PREOCCUPATION IS HOW TO REPRODUCE REPORTS WHICH WILL MEET MINIMUM ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF OIL COMMITTEE
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WITHOUT REVEALING COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY DATA WHICH COULD FALL INTO

ARAB HANDS AND BE USED AGAINST "FRIENDLIES." HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT OECD MEMBERS NOT REPRESENTED ON HLG ARE EAGER TO GET SUCH COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY INFORMATION IN ORDER TO COMPARE HOW THEY ARE FARING AS NEUTRALS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES. FOR THESE REASONS WANSINK FEELS STRONGLY THAT FINAL WORLDWIDE REPORT SHOULD BE BROKEN DOWN BY REGIONS RATHER THAN COUNTRIES.

3. WANSINK ADDED COMMENT THAT PROPOSED PARTICIPATION IN DEC 14 MEETING OF VAN LENNEP AND VARIOUS OECD STAFF MEMBERS (INCLUDING COMPUTER TECHNICIANS) WILL NOT RPT NOT BE HELPFUL AS FAR AS SECURITY AND SMOOTH FLOW OF DISCUSSIONS ARE CONCERNED. GOULD

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